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REMARKS

This is in response to the Final Office action dated July 5, 2006, in which claims 2, 11-13 and 15-19 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112; claims 3-10 were objected to as based on rejected base claims but indicated to be allowable.

With this amendment applicant has cancelled claims 2, 11-13 and 16-19.

The Office Action on page 10 reports that independent claims 4 and 8 would be allowable if claim objections, apparently earlier specified in the Action, were corrected. Applicant respectfully note that no objections were raised, and in fact, on page 2, that earlier objections were withdrawn. Accordingly, it is believed claims 4 and 8 are allowable as well as dependent claims 3, 5, 6 and 9-10. However, a minor amendment has been made to provide proper antecedent basis for the jump ring recited therein, and not in view of any prior art.

Applicant further notes the reasons for allowance stated on page 10. Claim 2 has been amended in a manner believed consistent with this language. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection of claim 2 is respectfully requested.

The Director is authorized to charge any fee deficiency required by this paper or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-1123.

Respectfully submitted,

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